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SUBJECT: Niger: Same Sex Demarche Delivered

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11. (U) Ambassador Allen delivered reftel demarche to Government of Niger (GON) Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Mindaoudou on January 13 during her departure call.

12. (SBU) The FM informed the Ambassador that the GON would have no difficulty accrediting same-sex partners of U.S. Government personnel, but stated that there likely would be problems socially. She added that Nigerien society is very conservative and not easily accepting of different lifestyles, remaining close to long-held traditions.

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